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To: Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Contractors

RE: Increased Poverty Guidelines for the CSBG Program

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) provided the authorization for States to increase the poverty guidelines to 200 percent (%) for the annual Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) program. CSD received statutory authority to increase the poverty guidelines to 200%. CSBG Contractors are authorized to serve clients up to 200% of the poverty line under the annual CSBG program for the time frame of July 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010.

It is important to note that the annual CSBG contracts operate on a calendar year and the increased authorization is based on the federal fiscal year. Agencies should have a process in place to ensure that beginning October 1, 2010 new clients seeking services do not exceed the 100% poverty guidelines.

If you have any questions, please contact your Field Representative.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Pamela Harrison'.

Pamela Harrison
Community Services Division

Community Services Block Grant
200% of Poverty Guidelines
July 1, 2009 – September 30, 2010

Size of Family Unit or Number in Household	Monthly Income	Annual Income
1	\$1,805.00	\$21,660
2	\$2,428.33	\$29,140
3	\$3,051.66	\$36,620
4	\$3,675.00	\$44,100
5	\$4,298.33	\$51,580
6	\$4,921.66	\$59,060
7	\$5,545.00	\$66,540
8	\$6,168.33	\$74,020
For Family units with more than 8 members, add \$7,480 for each additional member. (The same increment applies to smaller family sizes, as can be seen in the figures above)		